

Remarks

The specification is being amended to indicate the current status of the parent application and to include applicants' patent 6,208,864 as a related application. A marked-up version of the amendment to the specification is attached hereto as an Appendix.

All of the claims in the application stand rejected on the basis of obviousness-type double patenting over the claims of Agrawal, et al patent 6,208,864. In response thereto, applicants are submitting herewith a Terminal Disclaimer, signed by an attorney of record.

In view of the filing of the Terminal Disclaimer, applicants submit that this application is now in condition to be passed to issue, and such action is respectfully requested. However, if the Examiner deems it would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, she is invited to telephone applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments:
Appendix
Terminal Disclaimer
Fee Transmittal for FY 2002
Certificate of Mailing